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WALGETT SHIRE COMMUNITIES RECOGNISE INTERNATIONAL HARMONY DAY 2018

Council and community came together last week to recognise and celebrate Harmony Day 2018 in Walgett. Harmony Day is usually celebrated on the 21st of March each year and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Harmony Day is part of the Australian Government's Living in Harmony initiative and each year provides Australians with an opportunity to get to know each other better by:

- Promoting our community's success as a multicultural society: Recommitting ourselves to respect
- Goodwill and understanding between all Australians of all backgrounds
- Saying no to racism.

Community members, school children and service providers came together on the lawns of Council's Administration Centre to celebrate this day with a program including: opening address by Walgett Shire Councillor Jane Keir, and speakers from different countries explaining their thoughts on Walgett, Australia and the differences in our multi-cultural society, cake cutting ceremony, morning tea and refreshments.

The local school captains were on hand and an inspiring performance from St Joseph's dance group was applauded by all. Events are also to be implemented in Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge recognising and celebrating Harmony Day 2018. Council wishes to thank the services and the working group for their involvement in this event.

